THE HIGH-CHURCH ADDRESS TO Dr. *Hen. Sacheverell* FOR

The great Service he has done the Eſtabliſh'd Church and Nation: Wherein is ſhown the Juſtice of the Proceedings of thoſe Gentlemen who have encourag'd the pulling Down and Deſtroying of thoſe Nurſeries of *Schiſm*, the *Presbyterian*, and other Diſſenting Meeting-Houſes.

Humbly ſubmitted to the Conſideration of all Good Church-men *and Conſcientious* Diſſenters.

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THE High-Church ADDRESS, &c.

Reverend Sir,

WE the good People of the Eſtabliſh'd Church of *England*, cannot but return our profoundeſt Acknowledgments for the *Great Service* you have done our *Church* and *Cauſe* (whether it be God's Cauſe we ſhall conſider hereafter) in Preaching a Sermon in the Cathedral of our Metropolis, which has produc'd the glorious Effects of making the World ſenſible of the *Good Temper* and *Paſſiveneſs* of our Party. It is with the utmoſt Joy that we behold you riding Triumphantly in the Chariot of one of our Senators, to be

Tried for Offences of which you are impeach'd by the very Senate whereof he is a Member; but we are more than ordinarily rejoic'd to hear the Huzza and Acclamations you receive from the numerous Crowd of Chimney-Sweepers, Porters, and others, the Scurff of this Populous City, led on by some designing Villains, Papists, Traytors, *&c.* who are ready on all Occasions to disturb the Peace of this Nation, but we hope God's Providence, together with the Care her Majesty has taken, and the Vigilance of our Representatives in Parliament (most happily at this Time assembled) has prevented the damnable Designs of those Incendiaries, who so much endeavour to serve the *French* Interest, to ruin their own Country and the Common-Cause; and doubt not but some of 'em will be punish'd as they deserve.

But, Reverend Sir, you have a great many Well-wishers, that are very much griev'd at these Preceedings, I mean

mean amongst honest People, who think you are suffering for God's Cause, and Preaching the Orthodox Doctrine of the Church of *England*, not considering you are impeach'd, for Breach of the Laws of the Land, as well as the Peace thereof, by that great Body of the Nation, who are ty'd by Inclination and Interest, as being Persons of the greatest Estates, to support and defend the Welfare and Peace of her Majesty and Her Kingdoms. There's another sort of People who absolutely excuse, or rather justifie you, rejoicing at the Mischievous Consequences of your Triumphant Riding, being glad their Dissenting Neighbours shou'd suffer, tho' they must of Necessity be brought into the common Calamity themselves; for the well-being of both we have often experienc'd Consists in our mutual Agreement, and Brotherly Love to each other, which the Well-Wishers of their Country, of all Parties, pray for.

Now as to your Friends that think you are like to ſuffer for *God's Cauſe*, we have this to ſay, That we no where in Scripture find that our Saviour, or his Apoſtles, did preach, or excite the People to Hate and Murther one another; but on the contrary, always to Brotherly-Love, Charity, Forgiveneſs, *&c.* which, Reverend Sir, you wou'd have the World abſolute Strangers to. If you think any of your Brethren in an Error, you ought to pity 'em; and it's your Duty to endeavour to convince them by Argument, not Force. But we don't ſuppoſe you care whether they are convinc'd or not; you trouble not your ſelf about God's Church, but are Violent and Miſchievous, in hopes that your Clamour may promote you to a *Biſhoprick*, to make you quite. It's plain, 'tis not *God's Cauſe* you are ſo Zealous for; and we wonder People ſhould think their Religion in Danger, when an Incendiary is call'd to an Account, by his Superiors, for endeavouring to diſturb the peace of his Country.

'wou'd be happy for us if the Prieſts
f all ſorts wou'd do their Duty, and
ſe their utmoſt endeavours to Inſtruct
he People in Chriſtian Piety and Mor-
al Virtues, and leave State Politicks,
nd State Affairs to the Miniſters of
State. Some Prieſts tells us we may Vin-
dicate our ſelves as we think fit; if we
think our ſelves wrong'd it's Enough,
we may take up Arms and Defend our
ſelves: Others tell us we muſt, and ought
to be Paſſive, meer Worms, not to reſiſt
upon any Account, tho' it's too Conſpi-
cious how their latter have kept up to
their own Doctrine. They've been active
enough when they have thought them-
ſelves wrong'd; but both ſorts are Ene-
mies to the publick Peace, by filling the
minds of the Vulgar with Notions of
Liberty and *Paſſive-Obedience*, which
they are not able to Digeſt, which cau-
ſes Diſtractions, Heartburning, and the
utmoſt hatred in Peoples breaſts to each
other. We have daily quarrelings and
blows about the Church, Doctor *Sache-
verell*, and Mr. *Hoadly*, amongſt Peo-

ple that have neither Religion nor Honesty: But one Leathern-approv'd Coxcomb has heard of *Hoadly*, another read *Sacheverell*'s Sermon; others, those Firebrands the *Observator* and *Review*, from which they fortifie themselves with Arguments that are the occasion of these Heats. One purblind old Sot tells you he has read the Sermon, and truly he can see no harm in it, when a thousand to one but his Ignorance is so great, that he understands not his own Affair, or how to govern a Family of four Souls; yet he finds Fault with the Parliament, and wonders they'll make such a noise about Nothing. Thus *Fools* turn *Statesmen*, and *Black-smiths* and *Tinkers* turn *Regulators*, and *Vindicators* of the *Church*; their Families are ruin'd by their neglect of Business, to follow those things they have nothing to do with. From whence is the source of all this? but from our Clamourous *Priests*, *Observators*, *Reviews*, and other *Scribblers*, who, by siding and writing for one Party and another, keep open the Breaches among us; we can never

never expect to be quiet so long as the hackney mercenary *Scribblers* are allow'd on either Side.

How happy and peaceable were we till these *Priests* gave us this Disturbance? Ev'ry Man enjoy'd his Liberty and Property to his Hearts content, and needed not a *Hoadly* to tell him he ought to Defend it, because it was in no Danger, nor a Bigotted, Violent (if not Designing) *Sacheverell* to puzle his Head with the Power of the Prince, because we have one that's a Nursing Mother to us: But our Modern *Priests* have laid aside Divinity and are all turning Politicians; they're for laying aside the Scriptures, and taking up the Sword. There's your high Boys and low Boys, (odious distinctions) all driving the same way, *viz.* Bishoprick, *Wo be to Dissenters and Schimaticks*, says our Church *Priests*, and one half of an Dissent from the other: Some are for crowding Doctrines in the Articles, Canons, and Homiles that ought not to be;

be; others are for having none but such as they like. O brave Apostles! But well fed ones, waring no Scandals. We are told one of these black, fresh-colour'd over-fed, brawny Ministers of the Gospel, preach'd a Sermon more impudent, and full of Mischief, than that the Doctor preach'd at St. *Paul's*, and in the Time of his Tryal; but the Legislature of the Nation is able to resent his Insults, and no Doubt but they will, and it's to be hop'd make an Act to curb the Tongues of the *Priests*, and confine 'em to the Gospel, and then, by God's Blessing, we may enjoy our own, under Her present Majesty's Clement Government, without any Disturbance, especially if an End was put to Weekly mercenary Incendiaries.

Some say the Doctor is Innocent, and not in the least blameable for this tumultuous Riots; but we wish the Doctor had shown more Modesty, as he was, and it is a Criminal, 'till clear'd of those Crimes he stands impeach'd of, than to ride triumphantly to his Tryal, in a Chariot

hariot borrow'd of a Scribe, which
owever satisfies us the Doctor is a
Pharisee, and that all this Bustle for Re-
ion is a meer Sham, and only World-
Interest is concern'd. We would
t absolutely accuse the Doctor of ex-
ing, or encouraging the Mobb, but
has been very Instrumental in promo-
g the late Tumults; for if he had
ent from his Lodging the first Day in
Hackney-Coach, and not in the pom-
us Manner he did, we presume none of
ese Disturbances wou'd have happen'd.
ho were the Hallooers of the Mobb?
hether the Doctor's Friends alone, or
igning Villains, Papist and Traytors
h them, we can't absolutely deter-
ne: But we are certain a great many
t pretend to be his Friends, and wish
well, rejoyc'd mightily at the late
chiefs, and they are Persons we are sa-
'd are not *Papists*, but constantly go
Church, and may be think God has
d Service done him, by pulling down
ting-Houses, persecuting their Dis-
ing Neighbours, *&c.* Those

Thoſe of his Friends that mea
well we pity, for being bigotted mi
taken Zealots, who imagine the Pr
ceedings againſt the Doctor to be Pe
ſecuting the Church of God, and th
he is call'd to an Account for Preac
ing true Chriſtian Doctrines, and a
ſorry they are ſo blinded by the
Zeal, that the contrary Effects of h
Doctrine won't convince 'em of th
Perniciouſneſs of it. Thoſe of th
Doctor's Friends, that will not con
under the Claſs of *Miſtaken Bigots*, w
muſt hate as *Perkanites*, and Enemies
our preſent Eſtabliſhment, who wou
be glad to ſee the total Subverſion
it; for what elſe can we judge fro
their preſent Behaviour, when ſom
of the ſobereſt of 'em are pleas'd at o
Combuſtions, not conſidering what ma
be the Conſequences of ſetting th
Nation in a Flame at this Junctur
which no Well-Wiſher to the Que
and Government can think of witho
Horror. It's enough that we have
potent Enemy abroad, we need not ha
Civil Wars with one another

But we desire these People that stile themselves of the Church, to consider what Irreligious Wretches they are to take *Christ* the Foundation of their Quarrelling and Hatred. What a Parcel of Lewd, Drunken, Swearing Bullies have we, that declare for the Church? These are caress'd by our Priests, and respected by our unthinking Bigots, because they bawl for the Church: These can never be of the Church of *Christ*, but they are good Members of the Political Church of our modern Priests.

How can a Saint be pleas'd to hear a blustring fellow cursing and damning the Dissenters, for Rogues and canting Dogs, which is every Day done and approv'd of by our modern ones? But the main Stress of the present Quarrel is, about *Passive-Obedience*, which is a Thing much *talk'd* of among us, but *practis'd* by none. Those that preach the Doctrine most, are most *Active* for Revenge, and fir'd upon the least Occasion against their Prince, or their Fellow Subjects:

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If the Prince is for them, they're for the Prince. What Neceſſity then is for preaching this Doctrine, at this Time we can't poſſibly imagine: Our Queen is ſatisfy'd with the Behaviour of her Subjects, and we are doubly bleſt under the mild Adminiſtration of Her Government. What then is the Cauſe of this Violent and *Active* Roaring for *Paſſive-neſs*? We can imagine nothing elſe but that a parcel of diſcontented worthyleſs Fellows, having nothing elſe to lay hold on, make this a Handle to diſturb our Peace, and to ſet us in a civil War, in Hopes to make their Fortunes in the Combuſtion. Theſe join'd with Emiſſaries of the *French King* and *Perkin*, are our *Paſſive-Obedience* Men.

But we wonder why our *Prieſts*, who enjoy the Fat of the Land, look ſlick, and live the eaſieſt of any People, ſhou'd, from their Pulpits, diſturb the Peace of that Land they enjoy ſo great Bleſſings in. I ſay, *from their Pulpits*, nay, *from thoſe very Pulpits!* from which nothing

ſhould

ſhould be heard but Harmonious Sounds. The Drudges that work hard all the Week for Bread, pay their Share to maintain the Parſon; and ſhall he in Return ſet 'em together by the Ears? What Satisfaction can you make, Doctor, for the Miſchiefs done by theſe late Diſturbances, to which you are in great meaſure Acceſſary, if not Principal? How many Families may be ruin'd, Bones broke, and Lives loſt, which had never, been had you not diſturb'd, or offended the Government? We hope you'll conſider the Evils you are Author of, and Repent. You find your Patron was aſham'd of, and diſſerted you; whether he did it out of Cowardice, or Diſlike of your Doctrine, we ſhant trouble our ſelves to determine; but certainly all good Men, and Lovers of their Country, ought to ſhun ſuch violent Gentlemen and the Doctrine that produces ſuch Effects. We hope for the future that our Prieſts of all ſorts will take Care what Political Doctrines they diſpenſe among the People, becauſe the Generality being

ing not capable of judging aright, do often make a very ill Uſe of Things, and as on the one ſide, filling their Heads too full of *Liberty* and *Property*, makes them think it Lawful to reſiſt, when it is not ſo: So on the other, puzling them with *Paſſive-Obedience*, ſet's 'em a madding after that they'll never ſtand to. There's no ſuch Creature in *Great Britain* as a *Paſſive-Obedience Man*; they have all reſiſted when touch'd. Our *Milbourns*, *Sacheverells*, *Higgins's*, &c. if the Sword was put to their Throats, wou'd put it by, and, no doubt, ſtand upon their Defence.

FINIS.